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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Unassigned
NORIYUKI SHIKINA, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/552,590)
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Filed: October 12, 2005)
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For: ELECTROPHORETIC DISPERSION) March 24, 2006
LIQUID AND ELECTROPHORETIC :
DISPLAY DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE APPLICATIONS AND REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW PREVIOUSLY-FILED PETITION FOR EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application papers filed on October 12, 2005, in the above-identified application be replaced with the application papers filed on October 19, 2005, in Application No. 10/553,625.

BACKGROUND

A first patent application, subsequently assigned U.S. Application No. 10/552,590, was filed on October 12, 2005, as a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/0018433. It was discovered, however, that the specification and drawings contained incorrect pages.

Accordingly, Applicants subsequently filed a second patent application on October 19, 2005, assigned Application No. 10/553,625, with the intent of abandoning the first

application (the '590 application). The second application also claimed priority on PCT/JP2004/018433.

Applicants' representative has since been informed that, because of internal procedures at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the second application cannot go forward because it claims the benefit of the same PCT application as the first application.

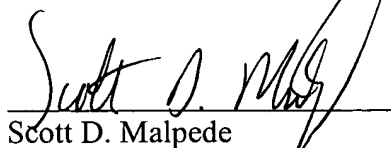
Accordingly, at the Examiner's request, Applicants are hereby requesting that the application papers filed in the second application replace those filed in the first application, and that the first application go forward.

In view of the request to go forward with the first application, Applicants also respectfully request that the Petition for Express Abandonment, filed November 17, 2005, be withdrawn.

Any fees necessary in connection with this paper may be deduced to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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